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I am appalled that the FCC is considering overriding the Indiana state statute concerning telemarketing. The vast majority of the people in the state of Indiana appreciate the results that this law has had in our homes. Anyone who wishes not to participate in this law is not forced to and can still receive all the annoying and intrusive calls they wish simply by not signing on the no call list.

I find it slightly amusing that for some time the people have been asking for something on this matter to be done and federally nothing was. Now that the states have taken the initiative and solved this issue the federal government wants to come in and weaken our laws in order to appease the telemarketing lobby.

Our local politicians had the courage to withstand the lobbyist persuasive ways; I pray that the FCC has enough wisdom and courage to leave our work alone.

Please do not override our current laws on this matter.

Sincerely,

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